

SPOT FURNACE COKE HAS STIFFENED; NO OFFERINGS AT LESS THAN \$2.25

Somewhat Firmer Tone
With Quotable Range
\$2.25 to \$2.40.

CURTAILMENT PLAN IS FAVORED

To Regulate Production to Meet Shipping Requirements and Thus Avoid Accumulations of Stock; Little Interest in Foundry; Pig Iron Bull.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURGH, May 10.—The advance in coke workers' wages, announced last Saturday by the H. C. Frick Coke Company, furnished a surprise to some operators who felt that with the productive ability of the coke region somewhat beyond the consumptive requirements as expressed by the blast furnaces there was no particular occasion to advance wages. The advance seems to be met, however, in all quarters. Inasmuch as some coke operators have been predicting a severe shortage of labor in the coke region later in the season, while even now there is eager bidding for men in the steel industry proper and in many other industries, the coke wage advance may easily be regarded as well timed.

The recently inaugurated curtailment in merchant coke output appears to be gaining in force, on the principle that the merchant ovens should regulate their production strictly in accordance with the shipping requirements of their contracts and avoid having any surplus coke that would have to be dumped on the market. The coke region is evidently equipped to make more coke than is now being produced.

The market for furnace coke for spot shipment has stiffened somewhat in the past week. Reports are no longer heard of coke being offered at less than \$2.25, even if not of standard grade, while one or two sales of coke of only fair grade are reported at about \$2.25, and it appears that even \$2.40 might sometimes have to be paid. On the other hand there are odd lots available more often than not at \$2.25, and the market for spot furnace coke is quotable at \$2.25 to \$2.40. This is the same range as reported a week ago, but the market may be described as firmer now at this range.

A lone contract for furnace coke for second half is reported, this being 3,000 tons a month at \$2.50, a price that has been done a couple of times before for second half, although there have also been sales at \$3.00. The contract market is extremely quiet, as a matter of fact, prospective buyers showing no anxiety whatever to get under cover. Operators are quite willing to try to force sales, and thus the contract furnace coke market is practically at a standstill.

The market for foundry coke for spot shipment has been quite tardy in reflecting any change by reason of the decline in prompt furnace coke that occurred a few weeks ago, but in the past week there has been a decline of about 25 cents. It is to be noted that foundry coke did not advance as sharply as furnace coke. In February there was a record sale of spot furnace coke at \$5.00, but foundry coke does not seem to have sold above \$4.25, and there was indeed very little sold above \$4.00. For some time that was the ruling quotation, the market afterwards dropping to \$3.75, while in the past week it has become quotable at \$3.50 to \$3.75. Very little interest is shown in foundry coke on contract. The bulk of the contracting has already been done, and consumers who are not already under contract are taking their time. Conditions in the foundry and machine trade are far from satisfactory from the standpoint of assurance of operations. The foundries in the Pittsburgh district have had a strike of moulder on their hands since December 13, while this month strikes of machinists started in various districts and fears are entertained the trouble will grow. The market is now quotable as follows:

Spot furnace.....\$2.25 to \$2.40
Contract furnace.....\$2.50 to \$3.00
Spot foundry.....\$3.50 to \$3.75
Contract foundry.....\$3.50 to \$3.75

The local pig iron market has been extremely dull the past ten days, duller than at any time for months. There has been an almost complete absence of inquiry, either from steel works or from foundries. The latter are having trouble with their men, as just noted, while the steel works seem to be getting along nicely. They are producing an unusually large proportion of scrap, on account of filling orders for war steel, which require heavy cropping of both ingot and billet, and this helps out against the pig iron requirements. It appears also that the steel works are behind schedule time in building additions, which promised to require larger supplies of pig iron. The pig iron market is quotable firm if not active, as follows:

Bessemer.....\$21.00 to \$21.50
Basic.....\$21.50 to \$22.00
No. 2 foundry.....\$21.00 to \$21.50
Malleable.....\$21.00 to \$21.50
Gray forge.....\$19.00 to \$19.50

These prices are f. o. b. Valley furnaces, prices delivered Pittsburgh being higher by the 25-cent freight.

To Build New Town.

Information comes from Youngstown, Ohio, that the Carnegie Steel Company has acquired land in the vicinity of its \$7,000,000 bar mill for the purpose of building a model town. The tract contains about 700 acres.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 1916.				WEEK ENDING APRIL 29, 1916.			
	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville.....	21,520	18,555	2,674	235,480	21,520	18,067	2,562	204,740
Lower Connellsville.....	17,225	15,949	1,276	175,520	17,225	15,956	1,230	172,660
Totals.....	38,745	34,504	3,950	411,000	38,745	34,023	3,792	377,400
FURNACE OVENS.								
Connellsville.....	17,401	15,536	1,865	194,000	17,401	15,048	1,753	194,270
Lower Connellsville.....	5,522	5,015	507	54,520	5,522	5,008	467	53,160
Totals.....	22,923	20,551	2,372	248,520	22,923	20,056	2,220	247,430
MERCHANT OVENS.								
Connellsville.....	4,128	3,319	800	41,020	4,128	3,319	800	40,470
Lower Connellsville.....	11,973	10,904	1,069	121,180	11,973	10,901	1,072	119,400
Totals.....	16,101	14,223	1,878	162,200	16,101	14,220	1,872	159,870
SHIPMENTS.								
To Pittsburgh.....	3,580 Cars.				3,980 Cars.			
To Points West of Pittsburgh.....	6,234 Cars.				5,571 Cars.			
To Points East of the Region.....	1,591 Cars.				1,483 Cars.			
Totals.....	11,405 Cars.				11,034 Cars.			

A SECOND ADVANCE BECOMES GENERAL IN THE COKE REGION

Merchant Operators Join
With Frick Company
In Increase.

MAKING 15% RAISE THIS YEAR

And a Total of Over 100% Since First Scale Was Made in 1894; A Succession of Voluntary Advances to the Highest Mining Rates in the World.

Another advance in wages of coke region labor, being the second since the first of the year, became effective on Monday. The initial step was taken by the H. C. Frick Coke Company, which indicated its desire to further share its prosperity with its workmen by posting the new scale at its plants on Saturday afternoon. With their accustomed promptness, the merchant operators followed the example of the leading interest. A number posted notices on Saturday and others made their announcements on Monday, all to be effective on that date.

The Washington Coal & Coke Company, W. J. Hahn, Republic Iron & Steel Company, Consolidated Coke Company, Taylor Coal & Coke Company, Bessemer Coke Company, Hillman-Neff Coke Company, Briar Hill Coal & Coke Company, Connellsville Central Coal Company, McKee's Central Coal Company, Struthers Coal & Coke Company, Puritan Coal Company, Tower-Hill Connellsville Coke Company, Thompson-Connellsville Coke Company, Evans Coal & Coke Company, and practically every other operating company in the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions has made public notice of the advance.

The Keystone Coal & Coke Company, The Jamison Coal & Coke Company, Latrobe-Connellsville Coke Company, Atlantic Crushed Coal Company and other operators of the Upper Connellsville and Greensburg-Connellsville districts fell promptly in line with other sections of the region and notified their employees on Monday that they would pay the new scale.

The advance made by the H. C. Frick Coke Company on Saturday is the second since the first of the year. Effective on February 1, an advance was made over the then existing scale which averaged about 10 per cent. The scale which had prevailed up to that date had been in effect since April 1, 1912, and continued through the varying fortunes of the last years in the trade without change. The general prosperity of the country has not come to the coke business in the same measure that it has to other industries, but the operators have shared with their employees in even greater degree than have employers in other and more prosperous lines.

Compared with the scale of February 1 last the new scale shows an average advance of about 5%. Comparing the scale just announced with that of April 1, 1912, which ruled in the region until February 1, the latest scale provides for an average advance

of 15% over the rates which prevailed practically undisturbed during a period of four years.

It is by comparison with the first scale adopted in the region, effective February 10, 1894, that an adequate measure is had of the extent to which the operators of the region have shared with their employees through seasons of both ill and good business. The mining rate under the first scale was 78c per 100 bushels for mining and loading room and rib coal. The rate under the scale which became effective this week is \$1.66, as determined by the same unit of measurement. This shows an increase of 88c, or 112% during 22 years. Other classes of labor have been advanced in still higher ratio, notably drawing coke which, from 43c per 100 bushels charged, as provided by the first scale, to 55c under the last scale, shows an increase of 52c, or 120.9%. Leveling, per oven, has risen from 8c to 15c, or 87.5%. Various classes of labor mining the mines, on the yard and tipple have been advanced 80% to 95%. These advances are wholly outside of and in addition to changes in conditions of employment, improvements in methods and other advantages which tend to make mine labor easier and productive of larger earnings, and with the expenditure of less time and energy than were required in the earlier years of the industry.

The accompanying table shows the several scales which have been in force during the past 22 years. In every instance the advances have been voluntary on the part of the operators. In the single instances of the scales of December 16, 1903 and January 1, 1908, the reductions which were then made were more than restored by the next succeeding scale.

The scale of February 1 established the highest rates ever paid in the Connellsville region. The latest advanced rates in the Connellsville region to the highest paid for coal mining labor in any district in the world. The immediate effect of the advance will be to give higher rewards to the men already employed, but it is doubtful if it will spur them to greater industry. With certain exceptions the region has a sufficient complement of men to mine coal and produce coke to meet present trade requirements, but they seem to be satisfied with working part time at a leisurely pace rather than full time strenuously. It is the observation of persons well posted that the present rate of mining labor is only about 5 days per week, notwithstanding the opportunity they have to work full time.

Every available source of supply for men has been thoroughly combed in recruiting the present coke region quota, hence it seems improbable that it can be increased in number. The unmarried men who in the seasons when coke region activity was not so great have located in other sections and in different lines of employment, and may not be induced to return. The permanent residents at the coke works, who are yearly increasing in number, welcome the advance even though they were satisfied with conditions which have prevailed to this time.

Immigration Increasing.

The immigration statistics for March, just issued, show a decided increase in the number of persons entering the country, both aliens and immigrants. The net increase in the population in March, due to persons entering the country in excess of those leaving, is 27,989, against 28,320 in the whole eight months preceding.

THE PROLONGATION OF EASTER HOLIDAY INTO A SECOND WEEK

Further Restricted Operations in the Northern Districts.

SHIPMENTS AGAIN FALL OFF

Effective Working Time Averages Low; Prospects Favor Complete Recovery During This Week; Coal Movement Not Yet Energetic; No Price Change.

The hold-over effects of the Easter holiday, which extended well into the early days of last week, served further to show that the observance of a festival by the workers is coming to mean to the operating companies of the coke region generally. The supreme indifference of the men to work to a reasonable limit of their opportunities becomes more pronounced with each recurring season when there is excuse for laying off to say nothing of the disposition to prolong a holiday without any regard to the urgent demand for their steady employment. This condition, coupled with a display of unrest and dissatisfaction at some of the plants in the Greensburg district, which was promptly allayed, cut the effective working time to a low average, although the 6-day schedule was observed at a majority of the plants of the Upper Connellsville and Greensburg-Connellsville districts.

The shipments for the week ending Saturday, April 29, immediately following the Easter holiday, were the lowest of the year to date. For the succeeding week the record shows even poorer movement, the falling off being 1,234 tons, and reducing the total to 24,514 tons, or 9,800 tons below the average weekly movement during the first quarter.

There is prospect that the present week will witness a return to normal conditions of operation and movement. Little is heard in the matter of prices, the attention of producers being occupied in filling requirements and restoring plant operation to a full time basis. The coal movement to the lakes has not developed very energetically, shipments being restricted by boat arrivals and capacity which thus far has not made large demands on the trade.

Shipments in tons from the two regions for the week ending Saturday, May 6, were as follows:

District.	East.	West.	Total.
Upper Conn.....	7,007	11,180	18,247
Greensburg.....	8,470	7,417	15,887
Totals.....	15,477	18,597	34,074

Compared with the previous week these totals show a gain of 106 tons in Eastern and a loss of 1,400 tons in Western shipments, or a net loss in shipments of 1,294 tons. By districts the shipments from the Upper Connellsville total 1,874 tons and those from the Greensburg district gained 580 tons.

The following tabulation shows the output of these districts by weeks in tons of 2,000 pounds for 1916 to date:

Week Ending	Upper Connellsville	Greensburg	Total
Jan. 1.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Jan. 8.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Jan. 15.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Jan. 22.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Jan. 29.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Feb. 5.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Feb. 12.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Feb. 19.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Feb. 26.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Mar. 5.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Mar. 12.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Mar. 19.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Mar. 26.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Apr. 2.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Apr. 9.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Apr. 16.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Apr. 23.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Apr. 30.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
May 7.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
May 14.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
May 21.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
May 28.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Jun 4.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Jun 11.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Jun 18.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Jun 25.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Jul 2.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Jul 9.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Jul 16.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Jul 23.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Jul 30.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Aug 6.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Aug 13.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Aug 20.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Aug 27.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Sep 3.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Sep 10.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Sep 17.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Sep 24.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Oct 1.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Oct 8.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Oct 15.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Oct 22.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Oct 29.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Nov 5.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Nov 12.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Nov 19.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Nov 26.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Dec 3.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Dec 10.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Dec 17.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Dec 24.....	1,180	1,180	2,360
Dec 31.....	1,180	1,180	2,360

THE COKE TRADE SHOWS NO RECUPERATION AFTER EASTER AND HAS NO HOPE OF ANY.

COKE TRADE SUMMARY.

Between the upper and the lower sections of the coke trade the picture is one of gloom. The upper section, the Connellsville coke trade, is being ground down to the bone point of 400,000 tons weekly production and output last week were 410,000 tons with 85% of the ovens in operation working 80% capacity. Easter holiday conditions reduced production, from 440,000 tons to less than 400,000 tons, and conditions since have conspired to hold it there. Some furnaces are working out surplus coke and others are out for repairs thus cutting down merchant demand. This week a scarcity of cars has been developed while thousands to keep shipments down in spite of an advance in wages of 5% evidently intended to stimulate the labor supply if not the labor efficiency to increased production. Shipments of a production went hand in hand last week, due to the fact that the merchant operators are averse to making stock coke and the furnace interest is desirous of getting it out promptly if cars are in sufficient supply.

There is a stiffening in price for spot furnace coke, no offer being heard of at less than \$2.25.

Wage Advance Does Not
Add to Efficiency
of Labor.

OTHER ADVERSE CONDITIONS

Furnaces Stop Shipments for Repairs and Strike Conditions Interfere With Coke Movement, and Scarcity of Cars Develops This Week.

The Connellsville coke trade is making no recovery from the Easter blow it received at the hands of labor. An advance of 5% in wages has not added materially to the eagerness or efficiency of the workmen. A considerable percentage of them insist upon having two holidays a week. Other adverse conditions have arisen which have conspired to keep production and output down to some 410,000 tons and which threaten to keep it there for the present. Among these is another scarcity of cars due to recent strike conditions and the movement of the ore trade. The railroads are able to furnish less than 90% of the requirements this week with no promise of any immediate improvement in this condition.

Shipments were cut down last week by reason of the fact that some furnaces stopped or reduced shipments while working out stocks accumulated during the winter, while other furnaces are out of blast for retooling and other repairs are taking so coke at all. Shipments are also interfered with at some of the ovens, notably at Edgar Thompson and Westinghouse plants in the Pittsburgh district. The latter condition alone caused a curtailment of 11,500 tons to that section.

Between the upper and the lower sections of inefficient production and insufficient consumption, the Connellsville coke trade is held down to the minimum figures mentioned. Shipments and production are practically the same indicating that the merchant operators are avoiding any stock and the furnace ovens are shipping all the coke they make. The operators are running 80% of their ovens to 85% of their capacity. Six days is given running time at nearly all the plants, but none of them are making full time, and some are running frankly five days.

Production for the week ending Saturday, May 6th, was 411,200 tons of which the merchant operators made 162,200 tons and the furnace interest 249,000 tons. By districts the Connellsville region produced 235,680 tons and the Lower Connellsville region 175,520 tons. Compared with the previous week this shows an increase of 2,520 tons in merchant production and 1,570 tons in furnace output, or a total increase over the previous week of 3,900 tons.

The merchant operators have 14,223 ovens or 88.3% of their ovens in operation and the furnace interest have 20,581 or 89.6% of their ovens in. The figures indicate that the latter are getting more efficient operation. This is due to the fact mentioned last week that the Connellsville region labor seems to work steadier than that of the Lower Connellsville region. Most of the merchant ovens are in Lower Connellsville region and most of the furnace ovens in the Connellsville region.

Shipments for the week ending Saturday, May 6th, were 11,405 cars carrying 410,428 tons consigned as follows:

Destination.	Cars.	Tons.
Pittsburgh district.....	3,680	132,923
West of Pittsburgh.....	1,180	42,778
East of Connellsville.....	1,500	50,265
Compared with the previous week this shows that the total movement of coke was practically the same. There was a decrease of 11,088 tons in Pittsburgh shipments, but an increase of 13,361 tons in Western shipments. Eastern shipments total 686 tons.		

During the week there was a net decrease of 140 active ovens, 46 ovens being fired and 186 ovens put out. Among the latter was the Alverton plant of 120 ovens. Lambert dropped 40 and Isabella 24, while Perry put in 30 and Shoaf 15. Other changes were unimportant.

The record of production and output for 1916 to date by weeks is shown in the following tabulation:

Week.	Mer.	Fur.	Total.	Ship.
Jan. 1.....	1,210	1,210	2,420	2,420
Jan. 8.....	1,210	1,210	2,420	2,420
Jan. 15.....	1,210	1,210	2,420	2,420
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PIG IRON OUTPUT FELL OFF IN APRIL OVER 100,000 TONS

Compared With March But
Gained Slightly in Daily
Average.

NON-MERCHANTS THE LOSERS

Furnaces Blown Out for Repairs Are
Offset by Lighting New Stacks; The
Number Now in Blast, 321, is the
Highest Record Since September, '07.

The blast furnaces of the country produced 3,225,495 tons of coke and pig iron in the month of April, a loss of 102,134 tons, compared with the 3,327,630 tons produced in March. However, a gain is shown in the average daily production in April, this being 167,517 tons, compared with 167,343 tons in March. Thus, the total tonnage in April fell below that of March as the high point on the present movement, but the April daily average is the highest ever recorded, says The Daily Iron Trade. The blowing in of new stacks the past month appears to have offset any reduction in total output because of stacks blowing out for repairs after having endured the past tremendous production gals.

The steel works or non-merchant furnaces were entirely responsible for this gain, as the average daily output of the merchant furnaces declined during the month. The production of non-merchant iron in April was 2,248,806 tons against 2,408,759 tons in March, a loss of 61,553 tons. The steel works furnaces averaged daily during April 76,227 tons against 77,702 tons in March, a gain of 525 tons. The total production of merchant iron in April was 344,184 tons, compared with 387,434 tons in March, a loss of 43,250 tons. The merchant furnaces averaged daily during April 23,139 tons against 23,623 tons in March, a loss of 480 tons. The number of stacks active on April 30 was 321, the highest record set since September 30, 1907. The net gain in active furnaces in April was six, of which four were merchant furnaces and two non-merchant furnaces. Six merchant stacks were blown in and two blown out. Four non-merchant furnaces were relighted and two blown out. The production of ferro in April was 22,744 tons against 18,752 tons in March, a gain of 3,992 tons. The output of spiegel in April was 11,762 tons against 12,665 tons in March, a loss of 903 tons.

Wayne furnace of the Detroit Furnace Company, which has been under repair for several months, will be blown in this month. The Low Moor Iron Company will shortly blow in its third furnace to take the place of one to be blown out for repairs.

SECOND CONFERENCE

The interests of industrial hygiene to meet in Harrisburg May 15. Prominent physicians interested in protecting industrial workers from diseases peculiar to their trades and in developing best practices for rendering first-aid to accident victims in the industries will participate in the second conference of physicians, to be held at Harrisburg Thursday, May 15, by the division of industrial hygiene and engineering of the department of labor and industry.

The co-operation of many large industrial plants in the state has been requested and it is expected that several hundred physicians, retained by Pennsylvania industries, will attend the conference sessions. Commissioner John Price Jackson of the labor department will open the conference, which will be in charge of Dr. Francis D. Patterson, chief of the hygiene division.

TO PREVENT SALE

Bonnet Coal Buyer Enjoined From Making Transfer of Property.

A preliminary injunction has been issued restraining J. A. Lynch from selling between 500 and 600 acres of coal land in Bonnet county, said to have been entrusted to him for the Jenner-Quimbrough Coal Company. The company alleges that the ground was purchased in 1910 and that the title was made in Lynch's name only as a temporary arrangement.

MINERS RELIEF FUND SUSTAINED BY COURT

Maryland Court of Appeals Holds
That Changing Conditions Have
Made Compensation Necessary.

A decision just handed down by the Maryland court of appeals has an important bearing on the fundamental principles of workmen's compensation. The case grew out of the creation of a special fund to be known as the miners' and operators' co-operative relief fund in Allegany and Garrett counties for the care of injured miners employed in the clay and coal mines of these counties and for the care of their dependents in case of death from injuries sustained in these occupations.

The fund was to be created by a tax of 8 cents per month to be paid by the mine operators for each man employed by them and a like sum to be paid by each miner or employee. The fund was to be paid to the county commissioners and its distribution managed by the county treasurer.

Charging that it deprives the mine operators of their property contrary to law, that it authorized the taking of private property for public use without just compensation, and that it deprived operators of property without due process of law, the American Coal Company against which action was brought, resisted payment of the tax.

Holding that growing and changing industrial conditions have made necessary more efficient and humane law in dealing with the relations of master and servant and that the better adjustment of these conditions has become a question of concern to the whole state, the court of appeals upholds the law largely as a measure of public policy.

FRICK EMPLOYEES' FRATERNITY

Completes Its Organization and Adopts
Constitution and By-Laws.

The organization of the Frick Employees' Fraternity was completed at a meeting held in the Leisnering recreation hall Thursday. Sixty new members were admitted, which with the 40 originally enrolled increases the membership to 100.

The constitution and by-laws were reported and adopted. The objects of the fraternity are defined to be to promote safety and sociability through the co-operation of employers and employees. The president is authorized to make committee appointments from time to time, such as may be necessary to provide the program and features of the monthly gatherings and other purposes. The membership is limited to employees of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, Union Supply Company and Trotter Water Company.

Dues were fixed at \$1 per year, payable semi-annually in advance. The territory embraced by the fraternity extends from Scottdale to Uniontown. The next meeting will be held at Leisnering, Thursday evening, June 1. At the gathering last night the musical part of the program was furnished by the Leisnering band, Dunbar township high school quartet and by individual members of the fraternity.

GREAT COAL YEAR

Pennsylvania Smashes Record for Bituminous and Coke.

HARRISBURG, May 6.—Pennsylvania's production of coal in 1915 is given as 246,797,774 tons by James E. Roderick, state chief of the department of mines, in his summary of the coal industry issued today. The statistics show that 89,377,706 tons of anthracite were produced, a decrease of 1,811,935 compared with 1914. Bituminous production was 157,420,068, an increase of 11,535,538 tons. There were 22,012,949 tons of coke produced, an increase of 4,848,825 tons. Business activity due to the European war is responsible for the increase in bituminous production.

MILLION AND HALF A DAY.

Of War Munitions Are Going Across
the Atlantic Daily.

Shipments of high explosive shells and shrapnel are crossing the Atlantic now at the rate of \$1,000,000 worth daily, and vessels are carrying \$500,000 worth of powder a day. Firearms and cartridges valued at more than \$5,000,000 went to Europe during March.

New Southern By-Product Plant.

While not yet officially announced it is known that the Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Company will build 400 by-product ovens and a benzol plant near its furnaces at North Birmingham, Ala.

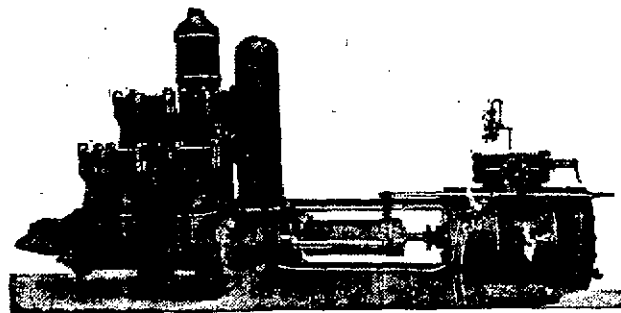
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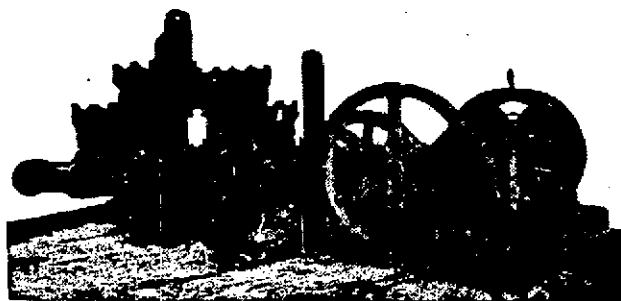
With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to
Saturday, May 6, 1916.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P. O. Address
200	200	Acoma	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
200	200	Adelaide	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Alverson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Barnaby	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
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200	200	Bishop	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
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200	200	Brinkerton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Buckley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
200	200	Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Carroll	Carroll-Connellsville Coke Co.	Greensburg
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200	200	Davidson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Decker	Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
200	200	Dorothy	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Edison	Whitely Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	200	Elm Grove	Uniontown Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	200	Elizabeth	Uniontown Coke Co.	Uniontown
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200	200	Fort Hill	Uniontown Coke Co.	Uniontown
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WEST PENN TROLLEYMEN GET BIG WAGE INCREASE; BECOMES EFFECTIVE MAY 1

Company Voluntarily Gives
250 Motormen and Con-
ductors a Raise.

ANNOUNCEMENT IS SURPRISE

About 90 Per Cent of the Men Will
Receive Maximum Rate of 34 Cents
an Hour Which Prevails After Five
Years of Service; Men are Pleased.

Announcement was made Thursday
by Daniel Durie, superintendent
of the West Penn Trolley Company, that a
voluntary increase in wages had
been granted to all conductors and
motormen on the Conneltsville,
Greensburg, McKeesport and
Latrobe divisions, effective May 1.

The increase will affect about 250
men, about 97 per cent of whom will
receive the maximum rate of 34 cents
an hour. It will mean an additional
outlay of approximately \$35,000 annually
for the company.

The new scale is graduated according
to the time an employee has been
in the service. For the first six
months the rate is 25 cents an hour;
the second six months, 28 cents; sec-
ond year, 30 cents; third year, 32
cents; fourth year, 33 cents; fifth
year and thereafter, 34 cents. The old
rate was graduated from one to eight
years, the minimum being 23 cents and
the maximum 30 cents. It has been
in effect since November 31, 1915,
when one cent an hour increase was
granted.

Just how great the increase is can
be shown in the boost in wages of a
five-year man who, under the old rate,
is receiving 28 cents an hour. He will
now receive 34 cents an hour, an in-
crease of six cents. For a 10-year day
this will mean 60 cents increase.
About 90 per cent of the motormen
and conductors have been in the ser-
vice more than five years and will
come under the 34 cent rate.

The new West Penn rate is within
one cent of the maximum rate granted
to the Pittsburgh Railway Company
men, after they had tied up traffic by
a strike for two days earlier in the
week.

The increase was decided upon at a
meeting of the advisory committee of
the West Penn in Pittsburgh on Tues-
day. The first announcement of it
was made this morning when Super-
intendent Daniel Durie gave out the
news to newspapermen. The men
knew nothing about it at that time.
The increase dates back to May 1 and
the crewmen will receive the benefits
of it in their pay envelopes the latter
part of this month.

"The men made no kick and were
entirely satisfied as far as we know,"
declared Mr. Durie. "The increase
will mean an outlay of about \$35,000
for the company, conservatively esti-
mated."

The increase naturally pleased the
men, and it was gratifying to the
traveling public as well in that it evi-
denced the West Penn's desire to treat
its men fairly thus increasing the
friendly feeling that exists between
officials and employees. The West
Penn has never had a strike.

EXONERATES DRIVER

Death of Sanner Boy an Accident,
Coroner's Jury Finds.

Following an inquest conducted
Wednesday at Funeral Director C. C.
Mitchell's office by Coroner S. H.
Baum of Uniontown into the death of
Norman Glenn Sanner, the jury ex-
onerated Mrs. James Trombley from all
blame. The Sanner boy, who was
five years old, was run down by the
Trombley car Saturday night at Lo-
gan's Crossing and died shortly after-
wards. Mrs. Trombley was driving the
car.

The verdict of the jury was: "We
find that the death of Norman Glenn
Sanner was caused by internal in-
juries inflicted by being struck by an
automobile driven by Mrs. James
Trombley and the said injury was not
caused and we fully exonerate Mrs.
Trombley from all blame." After the
inquest, Mr. Trombley offered to
assist Mr. and Mrs. Sanner in bearing
the expenses of their child's funeral.

The witnesses were Mrs. Trombley,
Harry Foltz, Edward Foltz, Ralph
Anderson, Mrs. C. E. Watson and
James Trombley. The jury was com-
posed of Harry Cramer, George Elms,
J. C. Munson, W. H. Marietta, Grant
Dull and H. E. Schenck.

WEST NEWTON CHAUTAUQU.

Under the auspices of the Volunteer
Firemen.

The summer chautauqu at West
Newton will be conducted under the
auspices of the local volunteer fire-
men for the week beginning June 25.
This organization has presented this
form of entertainment for the past
two years with success both from a
financial and entertainment stand-
point.

It is by this method, in preference
to carnivals or other forms of enter-
tainment, that the firemen provide for
the expenses of their attendance at
the annual conventions and other pur-
poses of their organization.

BROWN IS PROUD.

New Terminal Opens On Line of For-
mer West Penn Official.

Cards have been received here from
J. W. Brown of East Orange, N. J.,
assistant general superintendent of the
Public Service railway, announcing
that on May 1, a terminal at Newark
was opened. On the first day 75,000
persons passed through it.

Mr. Brown was formerly superin-
tendent of transportation of the West
Penn Trolley Company and has many
friends here.

Advertise in The Weekly Courier.

BUMS WILL BE PUT TO WORK ON THE CITY STREET

Mayor Decides Vagrants Will Have to
Work Here or on County
Stone Pile.

In order to rid the city of the
tramps who are appearing regularly
in police court, Mayor Marietta will
either sentence them to several days
work on the streets under charge of
street Commissioner William McCormick
or make arrangements with the
county authorities to have them put
on the stone pile for 30 days. Those
who make a habit of bumming are be-
ginning to appear and the mayor in-
tends to keep the city as clean as
this kind of characters as possible
during the summer.

Chief of Police B. Rottler suggested
putting them on the county stone pile
but the mayor thought he would try
them out on the city streets first. He
told Commissioner McCormick that he
would hand all the bums over to
him but McCormick said he would have
nothing to do with them unless they
were washed clean by the city police
first.

"Send them to me the way you pick
them up and I will turn the fire hose
on 'em," he said.

With the amount of work to be done
on the city streets increasing each day
all the prisoners that are put to this
use will be needed. One thing that has
not been decided yet is how the street
commissioner will keep them from get-
ting away. Perhaps he will mount
guard himself or he may get some
balls and chains.

PRIEST ENJOINS TRUSTEES

Local Pastor Claims Members Wanted
Pay For Their Services.

UNIONTOWN, May 6.—Troubles of
the St. John the Evangelist Slavish
Roman Catholic Church of Conneltsville
are being discussed today before
Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen, the action
coming before the judge on a prelimi-
nary injunction secured by Rev. Stephen
Ulrich against four members of his
congregation. Charges were made by
the priest that John Hanisek, Michael
Hatzicola, Andrew Danko and John
Matheko interfered with his duties.
It was alleged that the quartet, who
formerly were members of the church
committee, threatened to prevent
Father Ulrich from officiating at any
service celebrated in the church, and
that they collected \$500 from parish-
ioners which they now have on deposit
in the Colonial National Bank of Con-
neltsville.

The priest asked the court to make
a permanent restraining order pro-
hibiting the four men from interfering
with his duties and compelling them
to turn over to him as the treasurer
of the church the money on deposit in
the Colonial National Bank.

According to the testimony, the
trouble grew out of an attempt of the
four members of the church committee
to secure pay for their services in
signing the church vouchers and audit-
ing the church books. It was testi-
fied they passed a resolution author-
izing them to be paid for their services
to the church and the resolution was
sent to Bishop Canavin of the Pitts-
burgh diocese, for his approval. He re-
fused to approve the measure, it was
declared.

Father Ulrich took charge of the
church last June 24, being assigned to
the pastorate by Bishop Canavin. Until
last April 10 the defendants were
members of the church committee,
when they were removed.

EPISCOPALIANS MEET

Efforts to Form Permanent Congrega-
tion in Conneltsville.

Rev. Albert N. Clayton of the St.
Peter's Episcopal Church of Union-
town met last night with members of
the Trinity Episcopal Church of this
city to discuss the financial condition
of the church and other plans for the
future of the congregation. The meet-
ing was held in Old Fellows Temple
and about sixty representative mem-
bers attended. For the past six weeks
services have been held in Old Fellows
Temple. The building having been sold
a committee will be appointed to
secure a new location for worship.

The Trinity Episcopal Church has
many members in and about Connelts-
ville. For years services were held in
the old Trinity Episcopal Church in
the West Side. Rev. Kemp was the
regular pastor. Since the rever-
ing of services Rev. Milton Kanaga of
Uniontown has been in charge and
members who have been attending
services at other churches are return-
ing and great efforts are being made
to keep the congregation together.

ADVERTISE AUTO PARK

Visitors Will be Told Where to Put
Their Cars.

The Professional & Business Men's
Association which has had the lot on
the corner of Apple street and Meadow
lane cleared for a parking space for
automobiles is having cards printed,
which will inform the out-of-town man
that the space can be used for that
purpose. The cards will be put up by
Monday as a number of persons are
expected to come into the city in their
automobiles for the circus and the as-
sociation wants them to know that the
space is free.

An effort is being made to secure a
roller, so that the ashes which have
been dumped there can be made solid.
Later another gate will be cut in the
fence at the corner of the two streets.
A committee of business men will
probably ask the West Penn company
to donate a big light to be hung from
the middle of the lot for illumination
at night.

Demand for Grade Crossings.
Uniontown council has demanded
safety gates at eight railroad cross-
ings inside the city limits, four from
the Baltimore & Ohio and four from
the Pennsylvania.

TAX DUPLICATES NOW BEING MADE BY COMMISSIONERS

Great Amount of Work In-
volved in Their Prepa-
ration.

VALUATION IN 29 DISTRICTS

Not Including Uniontown Which Was
Announced Some Weeks Ago; Com-
missioners Assessing for Conneltsville Not
Yet Completed by Commissioners.

UNIONTOWN, May 8.—The prop-
erty valuations on the triennial assess-
ment for 1916 have been completed in
29 of the 56 districts in the county and
the results announced by the county
commissioners. There is a great
amount of work involved in preparing
the tax duplicate for each district, and
this is being hurried by the commis-
sioners' clerks. The valuator in Un-
iontown was announced a few weeks
ago, it being the first. The others, in-
cluding the number of horses and cat-
tle in the districts, where the work
has been completed, follow:

Brownsville township, 20 horses, 28
cattle; valuation \$374,560.
Brownsville township, 25 horses, 8
cattle; valuation \$1,027,015.
Bellevue township, 32 horses; val-
uation \$560,785.

Bullskin township, 531 horses, 430
cattle; valuation \$3,050,521.
Dunbar township, 206 horses, 188
cattle; valuation \$1,426,723.

Franklin township, 533 horses, 358
cattle; valuation \$2,412,643.
Georgetown township, 581 horses, 325
cattle; valuation \$5,543,186.

German township, 904 horses, 440
cattle; \$9,145, 810.
Jefferson township, 327 horses, 212
cattle; valuation \$5,060,430.

Luzerne township, 514 horses, 312
cattle; valuation \$1,273,343.
Neahtown township, 536 horses, 337
cattle; valuation \$2,245,046.

Nicholson township, 461 horses, 228
cattle; valuation \$2,441,415.
North Union township, 637 horses,
375 cattle; valuation \$6,371,274.

Perry township, 505 horses, 375 cat-
tle; valuation \$2,485,277.
Redstone township, 658 horses, 359
cattle; \$9,246,176.

South Union township, 444 horses,
297 cattle; valuation \$3,573,763.
South Brownsville, first ward, 47
horses, 4 cattle; valuation \$647,715.

South Brownsville, second ward,
21 horses, 21 cattle; valuation \$543,
365.

South Brownsville, third ward, 20
horses; valuation \$345,870.
Washington township, 355 horses,
366 cattle; valuation \$463,425.

Wharton township, 242 horses, 179
cattle; \$1,969,602.

The county assessment for the seven
wards of Conneltsville, together
with the other districts of the county
not in the above list, have not been
completed in the commissioner's office.

CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED

Miss Edie Edwards Entertains Satur-
day Afternoon Club.

The last regular meeting of the
Saturday Afternoon Club of Vander-
bilt was held Saturday afternoon at
the Vanderbilt Hotel, with Miss Edie
Edwards as hostess. Officers for the
ensuing year were elected as follows:
Mrs. H. D. Stallenberger, president;
Mrs. J. H. Hazlett, first vice presi-
dent; Miss Edie Edwards, secretary,
and Mrs. Carrie Dull, treasurer. It
was decided to hold a picnic course
next year. A vote of thanks was ex-
tended to the members of the club com-
mittee for their efficient work during
the year. Plans for Memorial Day
services were also discussed. The
following program was rendered:

Papers, Mrs. J. H. Hazlett Miss Car-
rie Dull Mrs. O. A. Koons and Miss
Edie Edwards reading, Mrs. J. B.
Knox of Star Junction; vocal solo,
Mrs. J. S. Laughey and Miss Ruth
McGowan, both of Dawson. Miss
Della Jenkins of California, accom-
panied by Miss Alpha French, read-
ed several violin solos in a very pleas-
ing manner. Spring flowers were used
in forming the attractive decorations.
A dainty luncheon was served. The
annual spring reception will be held
some time in June.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Well Known Scottville Couple Wedded
Fifty Years.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Miller cele-
brated their fiftieth wedding anniver-
sary Saturday at their home in Scot-
tville, and in honor of the event high
mass was celebrated by Rev. M. A.
Lambing at St. John's Catholic Church.
The anniversary was the occasion of
the reunion of the five daughters and
five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

Among the guests was Mrs. Ella
Mattingly of Bedford, Pa., who was
Mrs. Miller's bridesmaid at her wed-
ding fifty years ago. The marriage of
Mr. and Mrs. Miller took place May 6,
1866 in New Baltimore, the bride's
maiden name being Miss Mary Jane
Owens. In honor of the happy occasion
Mr. and Mrs. Miller were presented
with a number of useful gifts. A color
scheme of gold and green was attrac-
tively carried out in the dining room.

EXAMINATION DATES.

Schedule of Tests of Teachers in Som-
erset County.

The following dates have been an-
nounced for teachers' examinations in
Somerset county:
Hooftersville, June 8 and 9; Somer-
set, June 12 and 13; Jenner and Bos-
well, June 15 and 16; Davidsville,
June 19 and 20; Cairnbrook, June 21
and 22; Rockwood, June 23 and 24;
Meyersdale, June 26 and 27; Salisbury,
June 28 and 29; Berlin, June 30 and
July 1; Garrett, July 5 and 6; Con-
fidence, July 6 and 7; professional, Au-
gust 17 and 18; special, August 17 and
18.

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ELECT OFFICERS

Missionary Society of Redstone Pres-
bytery Closes Session.

The principal business transacted at
the closing session Wednesday of the
annual meeting of the Woman's Home
and Foreign Missionary societies of
the Redstone Presbyterian held in
first Presbyterian Church, Union-
town, was the election of officers.

No changes were made, the election
resulting as follows: Foreign society,
vice president at large, Mrs. J.
Shields Brown of McKeesport; first
vice president, Mrs. E. F. Woods of
McKeesport; second vice president,
Mrs. S. C. Crawford of West Brownsville.

Domestic society, first vice presi-
dent, Miss Margaret Watt of Dun-
bar; treasurer, Miss Reta C. Bierer
of Uniontown; young peoples' secre-
tary, Miss Cora C. Wilson of Union-
town; secretary of literature, Mrs.
George Hackett of Fayette City.

Secretary of temperance, Mrs. Savilla
McAfee of Mount Pleasant; secretary
of missionary letters, Mrs. John Lar-
mer of Irwin; secretary of Westmin-
ster Guild and study, Mrs. W. H. Sloan
of New Salem. Home society officers
—President, Mrs. Blon D. Williams of
East McKeesport; vice president at
large, Mrs. T. C. Negley of Bellevue-
non; synodical committee, Mrs. Sally
Finley of Bellevue; first vice presi-
dent, Mrs. W. F. McCauley of Mc-
Keesport; second vice president, Mrs.
Andrew Brown of Fayette City; third
vice president, Mrs. George Hackett of
Uniontown; fourth vice president,
Miss Rachel Neel of Mount Pleasant;

recording secretary, Mrs. S. C. Steven-
son of Mt. Pleasant; corresponding
secretary, Mrs. C. A. Tawney of Mc-
Keesport; young peoples' secretary,
Miss Jeanette Negley of Bellevue-
non; Freedman secretary, Mrs. E. G. Hall
of Conneltsville; literature secretary,
Miss Elizabeth Stevenson of West
Newtown; book secretary, Mrs. J. W.
Gordon of Bellevue; temperance
secretary, Mrs. Savilla McAfee of
Mount Pleasant; Westminster Guild
and study secretary, Mrs. W. H.
Sloan of New Salem; treasurer, Mrs.
Anna Smith, Mount Pleasant.

Other officers: Mrs. H. M. Kerr of
Conneltsville; Monongahela valley
mission fund, Mrs. Harry Gray of
McKeesport; chairman nominating
committee, Mrs. R. H. Stevenson of
West Newtown.

CORONER'S REPORT

Investigates 32 Deaths During April;
Five Inquests.

UNIONTOWN, May 4.—Coroner S.
H. Baum in his monthly report to the
controller for April reported that he
investigated 32 deaths during last
month. The causes were: Nine
from railroad, four from brick work,
one from electrocution, one from ex-
posure, one from suicide, one from skull fracture, one
from fall from bridge, one from accidental burns,
two from accidental drowning, two from
natural causes, 11 from accidental shooting,
one from murder, two from unknown causes.

Coroner Baum conducted five in-
quests, 27 views and three autopsies.
Inquests were held on the deaths of
Joe Conner, of Leont, Leo McHugh,
of Uniontown; Mike Tams, of Oliver
No. 3; Norman L. Boyles, of Green-
county, and John Miller, of Guyana.

Views were held on the bodies of the
following: James Miller, Uniontown;
William Thomas, Jefferson township;
Frank Rider, Seaford; James Sher-
bondy, Dawson; John Daugherty,
Royal, Bridge Kelly, Conneltsville;
Steve Desperiere, Century; E. Pat-
erson, Chicago, Ill.; Louisa Finley,
Smithfield; Nathan B. Miller, Layton;
John G. Hackett, Thompson No. 2;
Jaeger Hughes, Bensenville; Harry Ro-
chester, Brownfield; William McClell-
and, Star Junction; Robert Strader,
Oliphant; William H. Gibson, Flat-
woods; James W. Holliday, North Ca-
nton township; Selph Sczyrba, Ever-
son; William Cromble, alias Dillon,
Seaford; John K. Scott, East Mills-
ville; Anne Nasipak, South Brown-
sville; Charles Coleman, Vanderbil-
t; Steve Meredith, Conneltsville, No. 2;
Alexander Farmer, Dunbar township;
C. C. Settle, Olmstead, Ky.; John
Balfak, Conneltsville, No. 2, and Mary
Krabill, Royal.

HARMENING FIXES PUMP.

West Side Citizen Is Responsible for
Repair Work.

The man who won the gratitude of
the citizens of the city by repairing
the town pump on Main street, West
Side, is Fred Harmening, the druggist.
When the pump was being discussed
at his store someone wondered who
fixed it. Mr. Harmening modestly ac-
knowledgeed that he was responsible.

"I read in The Courier that the
pump was broken and bright and early
the next morning I hired a man to put
it in good condition again," he said.

AWARDED \$2,150.50.

On a Claim of \$15,000 for Damages to
Land by Removal of Tunnel.

In the Westmoreland county court
yesterday a verdict was rendered
awarding \$2,150.50 to Mrs. Louisa
Jane Price in a suit against the Bel-
levue Coal & Coke Company.

Mrs. Price sought to recover \$15,
000 for damages done to her land when
the defendants mined the coal from
beneath it.

The class is composed of three mem-
bers, Charles S. Robinson, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Thomas Robinson, former
residents of Broad Ford, carried off
first honors. The other graduates are
Mary Olive Leach and James K.
Jones.

CLEVELAND TO BE HOST TO Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION SOON

Legislative Body of the
Brotherhood Meets There
on May 12.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS AHEAD

Proposal to Increase the Element of
Democracy in the Y. M. C. A. Will
be Discussed; Work of the Associa-
tion in War Zone May be Increased.

CLEVELAND, O., May 3.—A number
of important matters affecting the ad-
ministration of the Young Men's
Christian Association of North Amer-
ica will come before the international
triennial convention—the legislative
body of the brotherhood—which will
be held in Cleveland beginning May
12, continuing through the 16th. It is
said that the meeting will be one of
the most significant of any of the pre-
vious 33 meetings that have been held.
There will be a thousand guests at the
convention, in addition to the 2,000 ac-
credited delegates and many hundreds
of "corresponding members." The as-
sociations eligible to representation
include 700 city associations, 250 rail-
road, 800 college and 500 county or
rural associations, as well as the army
and navy branches.

The convention marks its fiftieth an-
niversary of the establishment of the
international committee, and the
change in leadership of the commit-
tee from Richard C. Morse, who for
36 years was its general secretary,
and who is now retiring, to John R.
Mott, recently elected general secre-
tary.

One of the questions to be voted
upon is a proposal to increase the el-
ement of democracy in the supervi-
sion of the brotherhood. On an initiative
resolution which has been approved
by an overwhelming vote of the direc-
tors of the associations in all parts of
the United States and Canada it is
proposed that the lay delegates will
hereafter have a much larger propor-
tion of the convention devoted to dis-
cussions from the floor, with fewer
addresses from the platform.

The importance of the association's
work with the armies in Europe will
have special attention. Hundreds of
trained secretaries who have been
sent over from the United States and
Canada and who have been at work in
the trenches as well as with the pris-
oners on both sides of the lines will
report on this phase of Y. M. C. A.
work.

The question of the supervision of
the associations in foreign lands such
as China, Korea, Japan, India, Pan-
ama, Cuba, Argentina, Brazil, Chile,
Uruguay and other countries will also
be considered. A special committee
has been studying for three years the
tremendous expansion of the associa-
tion movement abroad, and the find-
ings of this commission will be pre-
sented by L. Withers Messer of Chi-
cago, as chairman.

The convention will be called upon
to decide whether or not it will cap-
italize a retirement fund for secre-
taries who have practically com-
pleted their lifetime of service. This
commission is headed by F. W. Ayer
of Philadelphia. He will probably ask
that the fund be capitalized to begin
with at \$1,000,000, perhaps more. It
depends upon the actuarial studies
which he is now having made. This
retirement fund will parallel that
provided by many of the denominations
for clergymen, by the Carnegie fund
for professors in colleges, and such
retirement funds as the Pennsylvania
railroad, as well as government ser-
vices. So far the Y. M. C. A. has had
nothing of this kind.

LEADS HIS CLASS.

Former Broad Ford Boy Wins Honors
at Smithfield.

The annual commencement exer-
cises of the Smithfield high school will
be held Friday evening, May 12 in the
Baptist Church and tomorrow even-
ing the annual baccalaureate sermon
will be delivered in the Methodist
Episcopal Church.

The class is composed of three mem-
bers, Charles S. Robinson, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Thomas Robinson, former
residents of Broad Ford, carried off
first honors. The other graduates are
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Jones.

NOT WANTED HERE.

Raymond, Arrested in Nebraska, Com-
mitted No Offense Here.

Information that P. H. Raymond,
who is being held at Omaha, Neb.,
once lived here has been secured by
Chief of Police B. Rottler, but when
he was ever charged with a criminal
offense has not been learned.

Raymond was arrested by a detec-
tive in Omaha, who wrote to Chief
Rottler asking if there was any charge
against the man here. He at one time
applied for a position on the police
force.

WILD LIFE LEAGUE INDIGNANT OVER DOGS CHASING DEER

A large buck deer, weighing about
200 pounds, was found badly crippled
on the Bailey farm near Moyer yes-
terday afternoon. A son of David
Workman who resides near the Bal-
leys, telephoned members of the Wild
Life League of this city, and J. E.
Sims, J. C. Munson, Frank Bradford,
William McCormick and William
Gottfrelly, accompanied by Dr. F. N.
Sherrick, secured an automobile and
hurriedly drove to the rescue of the
injured animal.

On their arrival Mr. Bailey and a
number of boys had placed the deer
on a stone boat and were hauling it
to the Bailey stable. After carefully
examining the deer Dr. Sherrick found
that its leg was not broken but badly
cut and bruised. It was placed in the
automobile, brought to Conneltsville
and taken to Dr. Sherrick's stable
where it will be under the care of the
veterinary surgeon until it has com-
pletely recovered from its injury. It
is thought that the deer is a victim
of dogs who have been chasing deer
from the mountain districts into the
outskirts of town. Only a few weeks
ago a small deer, chased by dogs, was
rescued by employees of the Connel-
tsville Steam Laundry Company, and
latterly cared for and has about re-
covered. Members of the Wild Li-
League are indignant over the treat-
ment of the deer and will appreciate
any information as to the owners of
the dogs.

GIVES JAIL SENTENCES.

Mayor Sends Drunks to Uniontown
for Long Terms.

Mayor Marietta was severe in poli-
court Sunday morning and hand-
ed out two jail sentences. Edward Zi-
merman, who was told the last time
he was arrested that a jail sentence
awaited him for his next offense, was
given 15 days. Michael Trump was
given 25 days. Both were arrested
for drunkenness. One other man was
given 48 hours.

There were no hearings this morn-
ing, no arrests being made over Su-
day.

TO VISIT 90 SCHOOLS

Fayette County Sunday School Asso-
ciation Plans 89 Meetings.

A tour of the county, visiting 90
schools in 89 meetings in the first 15
days of May, has been arranged by
the Fayette County Sunday School
Association. The meetings started
Monday night, when the county secre-
tary visited with the South Connelts-
ville Evangelical school, and Tuesday
night the White Rock Methodist Pro-
testant school arranged for a sys-
tematic missionary and temperance
instruction, and organized a teacher
training class of about 15 members.

Among the other schools to be vis-
ited are: Tonight, East Liberty
Church of God; Wednesday, May 10,
West Leisener

**SENATOR PENROSE
DENOUNCES VARES
AND BRUMBAUGH**

Spring Session at Dinner
Given by Powell Evans
In Philadelphia.

ATTACK IS A BITTER ONE

Says Combination That is Opposing
His Legislation in State is Based on
Corruption and Street Cleaning Con-
tracts in the City of Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, May 6.—In an address which proved to be the greatest sensation of the present campaign in Pennsylvania, Senator F. Penrose, Republican, at a gathering of independent Republicans here last night assailed Governor Brumbaugh, a presidential candidate and Mayor Smith, Attorney General Brown and the Vares brothers, leaders in the movement to elect Republican national delegates pledged to the Governor.

The Senator denounced the combination which is opposing his leadership of the Republican party in Pennsylvania as based on corruption and bribery, the contractors being State Senator Edwin H. Vares and his brother, Congressman William S. Vares.

He also charged that Governor Brumbaugh was ready to sign a statement withdrawing as a presidential candidate but was coerced into permitting his name to go on the ballot.

The occasion for Senator Penrose's address was a dinner given by Powell Evans, well known in reform movements in Philadelphia, to more than 300 independent Republicans, who heretofore have opposed Senator Penrose but who now are supporting him in his efforts to elect unincorporated and anti-Brumbaugh delegates to the Chicago convention.

Senator Penrose said in part: "It is generally recognized that the country is approaching the greatest crisis since the Civil War. The tremendous responsibilities rest on the Republican party and its leadership. The people look to the Republican party as the agency to meet successfully the grave questions at home and abroad which confront this hour, and will have to meet and solve, and this condition will exist to a still more serious degree when the war in Europe draws to a close."

The majority are fully convinced in regard to the failure of the Wilson administration in dealing with these matters. The issue is really one involving the Wilson administration rather than the whole Democratic party. The administration has displayed weakness, vacillation, inexperience and a general inability of purpose in our international relations."

It has urged much objectionable legislation in the direction of government ownership vesting in socialism and has signally failed in its tariff and fiscal legislation and has changed an abundant surplus into an increasing deficit in the United States Treasury."

I have, for many months, advocated the election in Pennsylvania and throughout the United States of a convention of the Republican National Convention unpledged and uncommitted, who would assemble at Chicago in free conference and in a spirit of harmony and uninfluenced by a factional or a selfish purpose in order to meet the issue of the future of this country."

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That unfortunate breach and misunderstanding, now being healed, drawing to a close, Republicans will never the country are getting together for a common purpose, determined to rescue the country from the incompetence of the Wilson administration and to restore the nation to Republican management."

To have started out with candidates and platforms along factional alignments would have rendered such reunions futile and impossible. A political leadership that has any solid basis must be conceded in a voluntary way by the members of a party. It cannot be obtained for any length of time by fraud or coercion and it cannot certainly be created by an artificial process."

PUMP IS FIXED

Someone Pays Visit to West Side and Puts Bolt In.

A good Samaritan from some part of town, nobody seems to know which, visited the West Side and fixed the broken town pump. A heavy bolt has been used in connecting the pump handle and the suction rod, which should hold them together for a long time.

It was not much trouble to put the pump in working order again. All that was needed was a wrench and a bolt, with a little mechanical knowledge in order to get the nut over the bolt. The pump is now in better condition than for a long time.

It was repaired over night, the connection being broken one evening and the next day it was noticed that the water could again be drawn. Although the identity of the mechanic is unknown many teamsters and pedestrians are grateful to him.

More to \$15,000.

Robert J. Thompson, Upstart of the Chesapeake county court, a resident of Chesapeake town, and his sister, are likely to divide \$15,000 between them, the proceeds of the possessions of an aunt who died recently in Colorado and of whom they were believed to be the only heirs.

**TWO MONSTER LOCOMOTIVES
ATTRACT MUCH ATTENTION**

Big Engines Come in From West and Will be Hauled Over Mountains to Cumberland.

Two of the big Mallet engines to be used on the Cumberland division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad came into the local yards Thursday afternoon and attracted the attention of everyone that saw them. The Mallet or "7000" engines are even bigger than the monster "S" type now being used on the Connelville division.

There were only two of the engines brought into the yards but 12 more will be taken through before the entire delivery to the railroad is made. It is these engines that are supplanting the "S" types, hauling capacity being much greater.

The Mallet engines have 16 driving wheels and four cylinders. It would be impossible to get one of the into the local yards. Each weighs 47 tons, compared with 410 tons for one of the type that has recently been put into use here. One railroader expressed himself by saying that the boiler of an "S" engine would go inside the one on a Mallet.

It was at first reported that the Mallets would be set up in the local yards and haul a train out but officials at the offices here denied this. The engines were taken from the yards late Friday afternoon and hauled down to Cumberland, where better facilities for setting up the monsters are available.

The engines lay on a sidetrack in the yards all morning and were viewed by many curious persons. They are the biggest engines that have ever been taken through here.

WILLS \$10,000 TO CHURCH

W. P. Parkhill Makes Big Bequest to Church of Christ.

The will of W. P. Parkhill, deceased, late of Somerset township, has been probated. After directing the payment of his debts out of his interest in the Gladesburg property near Somerset, and seven acres of land in Dunbar township, Fayette county, the testator makes the following bequests: To John Parkhill, Reed Parkhill, and Mary Parkhill, nephews and a niece of the decedent, of Connelville, equal shares in 1/2 of the land in Fayette county, except that the property is not to be sold until Reed Parkhill attains his majority. In the meantime, the three persons named are to enjoy the profits from the property.

One hundred acres of coal in West Virginia are to be sold whenever the executor can realize \$100 an acre, the proceeds of which are to go to the Church of Christ for the dissemination of the gospel and to aid that congregation. Out of the fund, D. A. Sanner of Indianapolis, Ind.; A. M. Morris of Winfield, Kan., and a third person to be selected by them, are to receive \$100 a year for handling the fund, which is to be kept on interest and paid out annually in one-third installments. Forty shares of stock in the Fink Coal & Coke Company are to be divided between David M. Parkhill, John Parkhill, Mary Parkhill, Bert Blair, Myrtle Roderick, John Patterson and Reed Parkhill, each of them to receive five shares of the stock, except Reed Parkhill, who is to receive 10 shares.

Mission.

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**GARBAGE PLANT'S
POSSESSIONS TO GO
UNDER HAMMER**

Wagons, Horses, Harness,
Pigs and Other Property
Will be Sold.

NEW ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED

Has Only a Few Changes From Original Draft; Asks Not to be Removed Except From Some Private Residences During the Summer Months.

At a special meeting of the city council last night it was decided to sell property that became the city's when the Connelville garbage plant was taken over on May 1, at public auction on the premises next Wednesday. Everything but the plant itself will be disposed of to the highest bidder and a complete list of the property will be made public through the newspapers. Among the things to be put up for sale are six horses, five wagons, 10 dogs, six pigs, a paper baler and various other miscellaneous articles. In order to get a better price, council will sell on six months' credit.

The new garbage ordinance was formally introduced. Rough drafts had been discussed at previous meetings but the measure as read at this meeting had been put in the form satisfactory to all of the councilmen. As it stands the ordinance does not make any provision for the removal of ashes except from families who pay a month rate. Ashes will be taken away for them the summer months only. The other rates are as previously published.

A rate of from \$5 to \$15 for cleaning vaults was adopted notwithstanding the protests of City Clerk Elmer who argued long and earnestly with City Solicitor L. C. Hilgert to the effect that taking a charge would conflict with provisions of the health ordinance. Council allowed the clerk to argue to his heart's content and then adopted the solicitor's suggestion.

There was some discussion of the best method of mounting the East Side fire wagon on the automobile chassis recently purchased from A. D. Solonson. It was agreed to allow builders to look over the touring car and fire truck to see what must be done. Fire Chief W. E. DeBolt, who is a blacksmith and wagon maker, will have charge of this work. The running gear of the touring car and the top will be sold to those making the best offers.

Residents in the vicinity of Trader alley want to have a portion of it at their own expense and have been dickering with council for the purchase of old brick for the purpose of building a wall. The alley is a private alley. Charles Boyd is back of the movement to have it paved.

Council will not meet in regular session next Monday night. The circus comes on that date so the regular meeting was postponed until Wednesday night when the sale of the garbage plant property will be conducted.

All members were present last night.

TO SUPPRESS NAMES

Board of Health Won't Give Out Reports of Contagious Diseases.

Because so many people protested when their names were printed in the newspapers when reports of contagious diseases at their homes came to the board of health, the authorities have decided to suppress the names. Contagious diseases are reported by physicians on post card forms. These reports have been given to the newspapers and the names of the patients printed. Many physicians contend that it accomplishes good results to publish these names. Parents of some children claim that other children read the papers and then ridicule their companions who may be recovering from some slight but nevertheless reportable disease.

A case is cited recently when a little girl who was reported as a scarlet fever patient was avoided by her companions.

CHANGE STATION NAME

Pittsburg & Lake Erie Makes Douglas Station Suter.

The name of Douglas Station on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad, between West Newton and Buena Vista, has been changed to Suter, and after May 21 will appear as such on the time table of the company. Beginning that date, also, Western Maryland train No. 43 leaving Pittsburg at 9:50 P. M. will make a flagstop at that place.

The new station building being erected will be ready for occupancy by June 1, and an agent will be placed in charge at that time. These changes will mean an increased business for the Suterville district.

MONUMENT UNVEILED.

In Memory of "Johnny Applesseed," the Orchardist of Pioneer Days.

A monument was unveiled yesterday at Fort Wayne, Ind., in memory of John Chapman, better known as "Johnny Applesseed," who in pioneer days traveled through Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and adjoining states planting apple seeds which later developed into the first orchards known west of the Allegheny mountains.

Chapman was born in Massachusetts in 1776 and died in Fort Wayne in 1842. The Indiana Horticultural Society was instrumental in providing for the erection of his monument.

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**FIVE CLERGYMEN DRAWN FOR
JURY DUTY AT JUNE TERM**

School teachers Are Also Prominent in the List; Two Pastors Get on the Grand Jury.

Five clergymen, not one of them from Connelville, have been drawn for services on the jury at the June term of court. Two of the 24 numbers of the grand jury are pastors of Uniontown churches, Rev. W. A. Bowman, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, and Rev. A. N. Slayton, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal Church who has charge of the mission in Connelville.

For petit jury service during the first week, Rev. T. M. Dunkle of Perry township has been drawn and on the second week list are Rev. J. S. Bromley, pastor of Great Bethel Baptist Church of Uniontown, and Rev. W. M. Bryant of Smithfield.

Other jurors from this section of the county follow:

Grand jury—J. M. Bailey, J. A. Cooper and Henry Dillinger, Bullskin township; John Beatty, Upper Tyrone township; George Greaves, Dunbar; Harold Neville, Dawson; William Templeton, Connelville.

Petit jury, first week—Connelville, A. Baulone, J. J. Drady, S. S. Clark, George Fuehrer, P. P. Moore, David Sullivan; South Connelville, James Trimp, Jr., Frank Shetler; Dunbar, Charles Hiles; Dunbar township, Mike Henry Brown, Walter Freed, Thomas Kiehl, John Moreland, William Senior, Bullskin township, Albert Raymond, Warren Christner; Perry township, James Anderson and Andy Stanick; Upper Tyrone, Ernest Dredland, Edward McGuffey and Charles Greitz; Connelville township, A. K. Kooser, Vanderbill, Frank Madden and Joseph Patterson; Belle Vernon, R. F. Sleekman; Smithfield, James Jenkins.

Petit jurors, second week—Connelville, F. K. Artman, John B. Davis, Aaron Franklin, R. E. Grinn, J. H. Henderson, Harvey Hoover, Lawrence Munk, A. P. Moser, Joseph Rhodes; South Connelville, T. J. Pike; Belle Vernon, C. A. Beazell Dunbar township, Price Colbert; Vanderbill, Smith Gillen, Dunbar, Andy Gilmore; Dawson, Anthony King, Perry, Roy L. Lynch; Dunbar township, Smith Rhodes; Smithfield, W. M. Ryan; Franklin township, W. Frank Strickler, Bullskin township, Daniel Workman; Dunbar township, Robert Mauv.

TO BUILD BRIDGE

Spans Have Been Unloaded for New Silgo Structure.

Four heavy steel bridge spans have been unloaded by the Pennsylvania railroad along its track in the North End and work is to begin soon on the erection of a new and heavier bridge across Mount creek at Silgo.

The bridge will be put together near the site of the present one and when it is entirely completed the old bridge will be lifted out by a crane and the new one placed. The old bridge was damaged some time ago by a wreck and for that reason the new structure is being put in.

A railroad gardener from Philadelphia arrived here this morning and immediately began work on setting out the young trees and bushes which will adorn the property of the Pennsylvania on the West Side. The trees are to be planted along the "Y" and also on the vacant lot near the freight house on Main street.

RECEIPTS ARE BIG

Mayor Collects \$1,586 During the Month of April.

The largest amount that has been collected for some time was taken in by the mayor during the month of April, when \$1,586.74 was turned over to the city treasury. The largest total came from fines of prisoners, which were unusually large, and the carnival license. Each ran over \$300, the carnival tax being \$320.74 and the fines paid, \$285.55.

Other income amounted to \$10 and \$4 was collected for detaining prisoners, making a total of over \$1,000. During the month 242 arrests were made by the police and 24 constables' prisoners were held. Out of the number arrested 123 were committed and 64 discharged. The remaining 55 paid fines.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

Local Bricklayer Overcome by Gas at Dunbar Furnace.

William Smith of this city, a bricklayer, had a narrow escape from death while at work on a brick building being erected at the Dunbar furnace.

While working on the rear of the building Smith was overcome by escaping gas from a pipe leading to the furnace. He fell from the scaffold onto a pile of bricks rendering him unconscious. Three physicians were summoned and it was some time before he regained consciousness. Frank Patterson, who was working with him at the time, escaped injury.

ADD ANOTHER DOOR

Now Have Inside Door on Title & Trust Elevator.

An inside door has been installed in the elevator at the Title & Trust Building. After the door on the outside is closed the operator pulls one that closes the opening in the cage so that it is impossible for anyone to lean from the lift and be caught between it and the wall.

The law requires a door like this to be put on all elevators but the Title & Trust is the first to put one in in Connelville.

GET TIRE FACTORY.

Meyersdorf to Manufacture Various Rubber Tires.

REGISTER AND CLERKS' NOTICE

The following Executors, Administrators, Guardians and Trustees have settled their respective accounts in the office of the Register and Clerk of Orphans' Court and the same will be presented for confirmation to the Orphans' Court of Fayette County at the Court House, Uniontown, Pa., Monday, June 5, 1916.

No.	Debate of	Accountant	Filed.
1	Elizabeth Cooly	Dennis M. Mahoney, Exor.	Feb. 7, 1916
2	Cassandra Keener	Alphons Keener, Adm.	Feb. 20, 1916
3	Nancy H. Bar	Samuel H. Bar, Exor.	Feb. 24, 1916
4	Samuel Thompson	Samuel H. Taylor, Trustee	Feb. 24, 1916
5	Joseph Swick	Samuel H. Waggle, Adm.	Feb. 24, 1916
6	John G. Dixon	John G. Dixon, Exor.	Feb. 24, 1916
7	Margaret C. Bausch, minor	T. S. Lackey, Gdn.	Feb. 24, 1916
8	William B. Minor	James A. L. and John W. Minor, Exors.	Feb. 24, 1916
9	Rebecca Ship	Joseph A. Stoner, Adm.	Feb. 24, 1916
10	Alfred V. Bond	Alexander B. Bond, Adm. & L. A.	Feb. 24, 1916
11	Barry L. Klingensmith	J. Kirk Renner, Adm.	Feb. 24, 1916
12	Isaac C. Lynn	Clarence E. Lynn, Exor.	Feb. 24, 1916
13	Ellen McDevitt, minor	J. C. Carroll, Adm.	Feb. 24, 1916
14	Mozelle Wilson, minor	W. Henderson, Trustee and Catherine Scott, Exor. of C. B. Scott.	Feb. 24, 1916
15	J. W. Scott	D. W. Henderson, Exor. and Catherine Scott, Exors. of C. B. Scott.	Apr. 15, 1916
16	Clark Battelfield	Charles Battelfield, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
17	Ann Esther Allen	R. W. Allen, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
18	James M. Moore	James M. Moore, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
19	Joseph Sullivan	Joseph Sullivan, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
20	John Shaw	A. N. Truxal, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
21	John L. Nelson	Harry R. Boyd and Alexander Hottenhour, surviving executors.	Apr. 15, 1916
22	Daniel W. York, Jr.	Daniel W. York, Jr. and Charles G. York, Jr., Executors.	Apr. 15, 1916
23	John M. Dearth	Margaret Dearth and Cora Dearth, Adms.	Apr. 15, 1916
24	James O. Rhoades	James A. Smith, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
25	Brigdet Burns	Rev. John T. Burns, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
26	Leora C. Newkirk	Edgar Thorp, Adm. & L. A.	Apr. 15, 1916
27	Harry M. Dean, minor	Alice Dean, Gdn.	Apr. 15, 1916
28	James Tharp	Allen G. W. W. Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
29	Elizabeth Puzosbak	George B. Cochran, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
30	Christina Cochran	Geo. B. Cochran, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
31	Nancy Baulone	F. E. Younk, Exor.	Apr. 15, 1916
32	Mary S. Lindy	Ample E. Welsh, Exor.	Apr. 15, 1916
33	Rachel A. Reckard	Frank Reckard, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
34	Elin Shells	T. S. Lackey, Exor.	Apr. 15, 1916
35	Mary Johnson	Alexander Bonay, Exor.	Apr. 15, 1916
36	Elizabeth	Thomas Shuman and Union Trust Co. of Pgh., Exors.	Apr. 15, 1916
37	Elizabeth Seashell	James C. Work, Gdn.	Apr. 15, 1916
38	Annie Elizabeth Jeffries, minor	Larada B. Vanderburg, Exor.	Apr. 15, 1916
39	James Downey	Webb C. Barnett, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
40	Matilda Goss Dickinson	Martin R. Jacobs, W. A. Lupton and Commonwealth Trust Co. of Pgh., Trustees.	Apr. 15, 1916
41	Adam Jacobs	Adam E. Work, Exor. of John Work, Gdn.	Apr. 15, 1916
42	W. Arthur Junk, minor	Annie B. Work, Executrix of John Work, Gdn.	Apr. 15, 1916
43	John H. Junk	A. M. Dick, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
44	J. H. Newcome	Lida G. Irons, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
45	George S. Irons	The St. Deposit, Trust Co. of Pgh., Pa. Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
46	James T. Foxworth	Mary C. Burton, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
47	Jonathan H. Burton	Margaret J. Robbins, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
48	Arthur Robbins	Joseph W. Ray, Jr., Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
49	Joseph Jaynes	Almon C. Hagan, Exor.	Apr. 15, 1916
50	James W. Ray, Jr.	Stroline Hartman, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
51	Fred P. Hartman	John L. Huston, Exor.	Apr. 15, 1916
52	James G. Watson	D. M. Hervey, Exor.	Apr. 15, 1916
53	Elizabeth Spink	Ray D. Nixon, Gdn.	Apr. 15, 1916
54	Mary Ann Spink, minor	Ernest Newton Newcome, Adm.	Apr. 15, 1916
55	Hamilton Newcome		Apr. 15, 1916

HENRY R. TITTERINGTON, Register and Clerk of Orphans' Court, Uniontown, Pa., May 5, 1916.

AUDIT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the above accounts will be taken up for audit and distribution before James C. Work, President Judge of the Orphans' Court of Fayette County, at the Court House at 10 o'clock on each of the following dates: Monday, June 19, 1916; Nos. 12 to 22 inclusive, Tuesday, June 20, 1916; Nos. 23 to 32 inclusive, Wednesday, June 21, 1916; Nos. 33 to 44 inclusive, Thursday, June 22, 1916; Nos. 45 to 55 inclusive, Friday, June 23, 1916, which cases will be called for hearing on the day and time set forth in the above notice at which time and place creditors, heirs, legatees and all other persons shall attend if they see fit and present their claim against the said estate or forever be barred from coming upon said fund.

HENRY R. TITTERINGTON, Clerk of Orphans' Court.

**TROTTER BOY GETS
\$1,500 FOR PATENT
ON A NEW BATTERY**

Joseph Miskinis, Former
Newsboy, Sells Rights to
His Invention.

GIVES COURIER THE CREDIT

Says This Newspaper Aided Him in
Getting Financial Backing for His
Patent; Does Not Spend His Time
"Bumming" on Streets, He Says.

Joseph Miskinis of Trotter, the inventor of a new lead-zinc dry cell, a description of which recently appeared in The Courier, called at this office Wednesday, to tell of the sale of his patent on the battery for \$1,500, and to thank the paper for what it had done in bringing about the sale. He gives all the credit to The Courier.

Miskinis sold his lead-zinc battery patent to a Pittsburgh company which manufactures electrical supplies. He gave the name of the firm but asked that it be withheld. He has also secured financial backing from a New York company. He has made arrangements to have the \$1,500 placed in trust for him until he is 21 years old. He is now 19.

Miskinis returned yesterday from Pittsburgh, where he had been employed in the Westinghouse factories. While there he had opportunity to make further experiments with his dry-cell, which gives unusually high voltage. Technical people became interested in him and the efficiency of his lead-zinc idea was thoroughly tested.

The young inventor is now at his home in Trotter, where he is working on another invention. This time he plans to construct a dynamo of simple design and inexpensive, yet capable of very high generative capacity. He has one which stands 4 inches high and gives 32 volts. It weighs eight pounds.

Miskinis has just recently secured a patent on a screw driver which will not slip from the screw when pressure is applied. He has devised a catch that grips the head of the screw in such fashion that it cannot get away.

Joe Miskinis is the kind of youth who does things. He used to carry The Courier about the city streets but when he got a regular job he became interested in the mysteries surrounding the generation of electric energy. Although he had no technical education of any kind, not even the foundation given in a high school course, he began to experiment with apparatus he could pick up here and there or buy out of his savings. Discarded batteries furnished him with material for research and he eventually developed a new dry cell of startling efficiency—otherwise the Pittsburgh people would not be willing to pay him \$1,500 for the patent rights.

"I do not spend my evenings bumming around the streets," is the way young Miskinis explains how he happened to work out his discovery. "I stay in and study things out."

Gets Her Pension.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—A bill granting a pension of \$12 a month to Mrs. Lena McKee Huffman of Waynesburg, Pa. widow of James H. Huffman, who served in Company F, 85th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in the Civil War, has just been reported favorably to the House of Representatives from the committee on invalid pensions. The bill was introduced by Representative Crago.

Physicians Boost Rates.

Somerset physicians have raised their scale of prices.

Subscribe for The Weekly Courier, one dollar in advance.

**GIRL ENCOUNTERS BURGLAR
IN A DARKENED BEDROOM**

ORGANIZATION, COOPERATION AND MORE LIBERAL LAWS

Are Needed to Develop Foreign Business for Americans.

GERMAN AND BRITISH METHODS

Have Built Up Great Combinations of Manufacturing, Selling, Transportation and Banking Interests by Which Producers Reach the Markets.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—British coal maintains its grip on the rich South American market because of powerful organizations for developing this foreign trade. One half of the \$150,000,000 worth of coal and coke which was exported annually from Germany before the war, was sold by one central selling agency, maintained by a syndicate of which the Prussian government mines were members. These and similar advantages for foreign trade, which other governments encourage, while fear as to legal restrictions has prevented Americans from developing equally effective organizations for overseas business, are the facts revealed by a report to Congress and made public by the Federal Trade Commission.

Other nations enjoy marked advantages in foreign trade because of superior facilities and more effective organizations, while the foreign trade of American manufacturers, and producers, particularly that of the smaller concerns, suffers because of doubt as to what would be allowed in the way of organization necessary to go after the big foreign trade. The commission recommends the immediate clarification of the law so as to permit cooperation among Americans for export trade. Foreign nations have built up their ocean shipping, granted low railway rates and have combined their land and ocean transportation facilities so as to give their shippers access to overseas markets. These nations have also established connections with banking houses in every land and have dotted the world with foreign trade agents of their own.

In addition to the assistance given in marketing German coal abroad through the combination of business interests formed for that purpose, it is pointed out in the report that in Germany before the war practically all the rapidly increasing and highly valuable iron and steel export business was handled by a single selling agency, the aggressive union of German iron and steel manufacturers which actively fostered foreign business through export bounties and other means. It is shown that in other countries similar organizations exist for the purpose of aiding producers to market their goods abroad.

British manufacturers, says the report, have relied more fully upon an unusually effective merchandising organization for foreign trade, long established in foreign markets and giving British products a superior representation there, but in various important industries they have gone much further. Thus, most of the great coal export business is done by powerful organizations, combining mine operators, marketing companies, shipping lines and foreign distributors, combined. This gives British coal its grip on the rich South American market. British cement manufacturers are united in a strong and successful union for the extension of their overseas trade. In the electrical, cotton, textile, pottery, tobacco, wall paper, steel and various other industries strong associations and combinations are important factors in foreign trade.

It is against such combinations as these, comprising united and powerful groups of foreign concerns, backed by great banks, aided by railway and ship lines and vigorously assisted by foreign governments, that hundreds of comparatively small American manufacturers and producers must compete for trade abroad. In various manufacturing industries, the lack of raw materials, higher manufacturing costs and similar handicaps make it difficult at best, the report adds, for Americans to compete with foreigners for trade abroad; and this with other advantages enjoyed by the foreign producers and manufacturers puts the American dealers at a decided disadvantage.

As to coal it is stated that combinations of British coal brokers fix the contract price for bunkering ships at Newport News. Such combinations commonly make individual American producers bid against each other. By such tactics the present contract price for bunkering ships in Hampton Roads has been fixed at 5 to 7 cents per ton below the domestic price. By similar means and the manipulation of the foreign future markets, the German metal buying combination over a series of years has bought millions of tons of American copper at prices averaging nearly a cent a pound below the price paid by American consumers. Earnest thought should be given, the report recommends, to measures for the improvement of this country's foreign business.

NEW GASOLINE SUBSTITUTE.

This Time an Altoona Inventor Claims to Have Found the Secret.

Earl C. Frasio of Altoona, formerly a mechanic with a motorcycle company, claiming to have discovered a substitute for gasoline, which can be manufactured and sold at a profit for seven cents a gallon.

It is declared that the substitute will run an ordinary car 300 miles for 35 cents. It has been tried on local cars with success, it is claimed.

Farmers Won't Buy New Implements.

Makers of agricultural implements state they find their difficulties increasing. Faced by unusually high prices of steel products and the necessity of increasing prices, they find farmers refuse to buy when they can make the old machines serve.

SHORTAGE OF REFRIGERATOR CARS IS THREATENED

Department of Agriculture Takes Measures to Prevent It; Appeals to Shippers and Recipients.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The serious car shortage throughout the country is beginning to be felt by shippers and distributors of early fruits and vegetables. In the various conferences between the Interstate Commerce Commission, railroad officials, and shippers, the latter have been represented, for the most part, by shippers of non-perishable commodities. A southern road, confronted with an extraordinary heavy tonnage of perishable commodities, finds, at the opening of the season, nearly half its refrigerator equipment on other lines, and is unable to get the cars home. This is typical of other sections, and there is great danger that the interests of users of refrigerator cars may be sacrificed to the necessities of other shippers.

A year ago the Department of Agriculture in a bulletin for farmers and shippers of perishable farm products called attention to the importance of prompt loading and unloading of cars, and to the economic waste involved in a misuse of cars. As the department's marketing work progresses, the importance of this phase of transportation service becomes more apparent. In response to appeals from shippers, the department, in an effort to avoid disaster to growers, has called to the attention of the Interstate Commerce Commission the necessity for prompt movement release and speedy return to producing sections of all refrigerator cars. Shippers and distributors are again urged to cooperate in every way possible toward the end of greater refrigerator car efficiency, and are reminded that their cooperation always necessary, is more essential this year than ever before.

SOMERSET MINE FOREMEN

Mine Inspector Cunningham Announces Result of Annual Exams.

SOMERSET, May 9.—Mine Inspector Fletcher W. Cunningham today announced the successful applicants for certificates as mine foremen and fire bosses in the 20th bituminous district, as follows:

Mine foremen (first grade)—Clarence G. Nichols of Acosta; Halver T. Halversen of Somerset; and Arthur Hall, Jr., Richard W. Cole, and Thomas L. Campbell of Jerome.

Mine foremen (second grade)—Robert Crawford of Jenners; Orville S. Keger of Acosta; Clarence B. Bittner of Somerset; John Walker of Elk Lick; and Edgill O. Smith of Meyersdale.

Assistant mine foremen—George F. Swopes, Royal W. Shaffer, Charles E. Hurd and John W. Taylor of Somerset; John Nichol of Meyersdale; Orville S. Keger of Acosta; William Campbell of Jerome and John Byron of Jenners.

Fire bosses—Nobel D. Zimmerman of Somerset; Fred H. Moore of Somerset; and Earle Carnahan, Walter Hay and Clarence E. Walker of Jerome.

STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

Westinghouse Employees Resume Old Positions in Steel Plant.

PITTSBURGH, May 9.—The strike of 15,000 electrical steel makers of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company at East Pittsburgh ended today when there was a rush of strikers to enter the plant as soon as the gates were opened.

President B. M. Herr told the strikers' committee late yesterday that unless all employees were in their places this morning they would have to be re-employed and would lose all the benefit accruing to them under the company's compensation and pension system. The strike which was called April 22, was to enforce an 8 hour day and \$1,397,500 in wages was lost.

RECORD AGAIN BROKEN

Steel Corporation's Orders More Than Double in a Year.

NEW YORK, May 10.—For the third time this year the monthly statement of unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation issued today broke all records. The orders stood on April 30 at 9,820,551 tons, an increase of 494,550 tons over those of March 31 which broke the previous high record of 9,326,000 tons on February 29.

The unfilled orders of the corporation have more than doubled in a year. On April 30, 1915, they were reported at 4,162,244 tons since which time each month has shown an increase. The plants of the corporation have for some months been working at full time.

STEEL MILL ASSURED

Almost All of Required \$60,000 Has Been Raised.

The committee canvassing the city for subscriptions for the proposed new electrical steel mill near the West Penn power house reports that the plant is almost assured. The subscriptions at the last report were above \$50,000, and between that time and today almost all the required \$60,000 has been raised.

The men who have been handling the canvassing end are satisfied with the progress that has been made. After the smaller subscriptions were accepted, the fund increased rapidly.

FOREIGN NATIONS.

Still Active Buyers of Steel and Its Products in America.

The Italian government has come into the market for large tonnages of sheet bars, billets, blooms and slabs and other semi-finished steel. Inquiries are also asked on 4,000 cars and for a number of locomotives.

The French government has placed an additional order for 500 box cars, with American builders. French government agents are also on the point of closing for 1,800 additional four wheel cars.

Advertise in The Weekly Courier.

Coal Freight Rates

TO EASTERN PORTS	ORIGINATING DISTRICT
Rate per Gross Ton of 2240 lbs. Cville Wmoredun G'burg Latrobe	Pittsbur Fairmont
Destination	
Baltimore, Md.	\$2.00 \$1.85 \$1.70 \$1.60
Chester, Pa.	1.90 1.75 1.60 1.50
Harrisburg, Pa.	1.70 1.55 1.40 1.30
Johnstown, Pa.	1.50 1.35 1.20 1.10
Lebanon, Pa.	1.30 1.15 1.00 0.90
New York, 37th St.	2.25 2.10 1.95 1.85
New York, Brooklyn	2.00 1.85 1.70 1.60
Philadelphia, Pa.	1.85 1.70 1.55 1.45
Sparrow Point, Md.	2.00 1.85 1.70 1.60
Steelers, N. J., P. O. B. Vessel	1.75 1.60 1.45 1.35
Greenville, N. J., P. O. B. Vessel	1.75 1.60 1.45 1.35
South Bethlehem, Pa.	2.10 1.95 1.80 1.70
Syracuse, N. Y.	2.15 2.00 1.85 1.75
Atlantic Ports via P. R. R.	
Greenwich, Pa.	1.75 1.60 1.45 1.35
Greenwich, Pa., P. O. B. Vessel	1.65 1.50 1.35 1.25
So. Amboy, N. J., P. O. B. Vessel	1.65 1.50 1.35 1.25
Harsimus, N. J., P. O. B. Vessel	1.65 1.50 1.35 1.25
Greenville, N. J., P. O. B. Vessel	1.65 1.50 1.35 1.25
Canlon, Baltimore, Md.	1.75 1.60 1.45 1.35
Canlon, Md., for Export	1.55 1.40 1.25 1.15
To ATLANTIC PORTS via E. & O.	
St. George, N. Y., Coal Piers	2.25 2.10 1.95 1.85
St. George, N. Y., for Export	1.75 1.60 1.45 1.35
Philadelphia Coal Piers	1.75 1.60 1.45 1.35
Curtis Bay, Balt. Piers	1.75 1.60 1.45 1.35
Curtis Bay, Balt., for Export	1.55 1.40 1.25 1.15

The rate from the Fairmont District to Johnstown is 7c. The Connellsville rate applies to shipments from points on the Southwest branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffalo from points on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston and points on the Monongahela River railroad.

TO WESTERN PORTS	ORIGINATING DISTRICT
Rate per Net Ton of 2000 lbs. Pittsburg Connellsville Fairmont	
Destination	
Canlon, O.	\$0.55 \$1.10 \$1.05
Chicago, Ill.	1.00 1.15 1.10
Cleveland, O.	1.00 1.15 1.10
Columbus, O.	1.00 1.15 1.10
Detroit, Mich.	1.00 1.15 1.10
Indianapolis, Ind.	1.00 1.15 1.10
Youngstown, O.	1.00 1.15 1.10
Lake Ports	.75 .80 .80

The Pittsburgh District includes points east as far as Latrobe and south on the Southwest branch to and including Ruffalo, south to and including Brownsville and Brannell on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston railroad eastward to Dawson on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and eastward to Dickerson Run and southward to and including Brownsville on the New York Central line.

The Connellsville District includes points on the Southwest branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffalo, on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston railroad south of Ruffalo, on the Monongahela River railroad south of Ruffalo, on the New York Central line east of Dickerson Run, including Connellsville Transfer, and points on the Baltimore & Ohio, Dawson to Point Marion, Pa.

TO STAY THE SALE OF GREENE COUNTY COAL FOR TAXES

Purpose of Proceedings Before Judge Ray of Waynesburg.

COUNTY TREASURER ENJOINED

From Proceeding With Sales; Many Irregularities and Defects Alleged by the Petitioners, Many of Whom Are of Fayette's Decision Pending.

The question of sales by county treasurers of properties upon which taxes have become delinquent is attracting considerable attention in this section of the state. In Greene county the matter has assumed legal form, growing out of a temporary injunction issued by Judge J. W. Ray, restraining him from proceeding with advertising or selling certain properties to secure the payment of taxes. In this action the receivers for J. V. Thompson, the receivers for I. W. Semans and Thomas B. Semans, John T. Robinson, J. B. Donley, J. W. Closser, Patrick J. Bradley and the Greene County Coal Company were the plaintiffs. The motion to make the injunction permanent was argued before Judge Ray Monday. The petitioners being represented by Cragg & Montgomery, Kyle & Reinhart, M. E. Carroll and John S. Carter. A decision is not expected for several days.

Many reasons were given in the bill of complaint why the injunction is asked. It was stated that not one of the returns shows that the taxes were levied on the proper assessments nor that a demand was made on the proper persons for the payment. Many returns fail to show that there was not enough property on the land from which to make the taxes. Not one return is based upon nor supported by a sworn return of the proper tax collector; nor were any returns made under oath.

It was further stated that many of the blocks of coal are held by many persons and that some of these persons are financially unable to pay their share of taxes at this time. The plaintiffs aver that the sale would do no good to the property and would only create confusion and endless litigation, and that it would endanger the lien of practically every mortgage on coal lands in Greene county.

It is estimated that the unpaid county, borough and township taxes in Greene county amount to more than \$200,000 and the matter of proceeding with the advertising and sale of the property to collect these taxes as is required by law has been under discussion by the county authorities for some time.

Recently the county commissioners ordered Treasurer Guthrie to proceed with the sales. This he was preparing to do when the temporary injunction was granted.

George Orval Rush, treasurer of Fayette county, has already commenced advertising a list of properties in this county for sale, among which are some in which Thompson has an interest and some owned by other parties, and against which unpaid taxes aggregating a large amount have been entered.

Receivers Buy Coal.

Representatives for receivers of I. W. Semans Saturday purchased 105 acres of coal in East Bethlehem township, Washington county, for \$2,538.11, the amount of the suit and costs. Other sales in Washington county are scheduled for next Saturday.

New Publicity Agent.

George B. Harley, formerly an assistant in the office of the publicity agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, has been appointed publicity agent.

New Station at Rockwood.

It is reported that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will soon begin the erection of a new passenger station at Rockwood.

COAL PRODUCTION IN VIRGINIA INCREASED

In Tons But Decreased in Value During 1915; Activity Came Late in Year; Output Per Man.

The production of coal in Virginia in 1915, according to figures compiled by the United States Geological Survey, was 5,122,596 short tons, valued at \$7,962,934. This is an increase compared with 1914 of 163,061 tons, or 2 per cent, in quantity, but a decrease of \$99,514, or less than 1 per cent in value. With the exception of the banner year, 1913, when the production was more than 8,800,000 tons, the output in 1915 was the highest recorded for Virginia. Wise county, the largest producer, showed a decrease of more than 400,000 tons, but all the other counties recorded increases.

During the early months of the year coal mining was inactive, but in August the demand for both coal and coke became stronger, and by the end of the year the production was reported up to capacity and limited only by shortage of labor and cars. There was a decrease in the number of men employed, from 9,135 in 1914 to 8,959 in 1915, but the average number of days for each man, 235, was the same in both years. The average number of tons produced per man during the year was 907, compared with 867 in 1914, and the average output per man per day increased from 3.69 to 3.85 tons. The proportion of coal mined by hand decreased from 18 to 3 per cent, but the proportion mined by machines increased from 51 to 63 per cent. The quantity of washed coal increased from 54,571 tons in 1914 to 178,525 tons in 1915.

RECENT PATENTS.

Of Special Interest to the Coal and Coke Trade.

The following recently granted patents of interest to the coal and coke trade are reported expressly for The Weekly Courier by William G. Donohue, Patent Attorney, Park Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., from whom copies may be secured for 15 cents each.

Process of treating coal, Charles H. Smith, Short Hills, N. J., No. 1,177,727. Means for handling coal, Charles S. Williamson, Chicago, Ill., No. 1,177,761. Miner's drill, Charles F. Lindemann and Raymond A. Hanley, Arizans, Pa., No. 1,178,102.

Safety catch for mining cages, John T. Pero and Llewellyn P. Jones, Parsons, Pa., No. 1,178,842.

Mine-door, Andrew J. Johnson and Peter Bressant, Stonington, Ill., No. 1,183,221.

Apparatus for feeding and burning prepared coal, Wylie G. Wilson, Elizabeth, N. J., No. 1,179,488.

Emergency escape-way for mines, Josiah Hoskins, French Gulch, Cal., No. 1,179,300.

Mine's safety lamp, Thomas E. Suffolk and Joseph Piggford, Elizabeth, Pa., No. 1,180,203.

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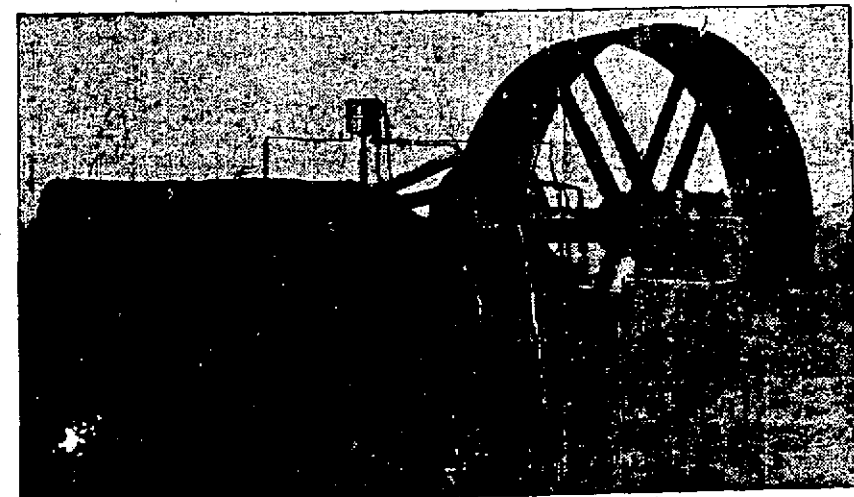
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